

### **REMARKS**

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

### **PENDING CLAIMS**

Claims 3-4, 6, 8-10, 12 and 14-25 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply clarified claims. At entry of this paper, Claims 15, 17-20 and 25 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

### **ALLOWED CLAIMS**

Claim 25 has been allowed in the application, as indicated within the Advisory Action. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

### **ALLOWABLE CLAIMS DUE TO PARALLELISM**

Unrelated to any prior art rejections, the features/limitations of original (allowable) claim 25 were added into independent claim 15 (and claims 17-20 by dependency), in Applicant's prior 05 January 2006. Owing to such prior rewriting and parallelism, it is respectfully submitted that such claims are also allowable over

the prior art of record. Accordingly, consideration and express written allowance of such claims 15 and 17-20 are respectfully requested.

#### **CLAIM OBJECTIONS OBSOLETE VIA CLAIM CANCELLATION**

Claims 8-10 have been objected to because of the Office Action concerns listed within the item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action. As such objection has been rendered obsolete by the present cancellation of the objected-to claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

#### **REJECTION UNDER '112, 2ND PAR. OBVIATED VIA CLAIM AMENDMENT**

Claims 4, 6, 9, 17 and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC '112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the concerns listed within item 4 on page 3 of the Office Action. Appropriate ones of claims 4, 6, 9, 17 and 21 have been carefully reviewed and carefully amended where appropriate in order to address the Office Action listed concerns (i.e., to remove the alleged inconsistency). As the foregoing is believed to have addressed all '112 second paragraph concerns, reconsideration and withdrawal of the '112 second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

#### **35 USC '103 REJECTION - OBSOLETE VIA CLAIM CANCELLATION**

All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed, but the present cancellation of rejected claims (without prejudice or disclaimer) to obtain a patent (without prejudice or disclaimer) on ones of the allowable claims as quickly as possible, has rendered such rejection(s) obsolete, and thus gratuitous traversal arguments concerning the rejection(s) are omitted for brevity. Further discussions/arguments

concerning such rejection(s) are left for the future if/when appropriate. Based upon the following, reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection(s) are respectfully requested.

The above statements, or any present cancellation of claims (without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that the rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter, but is merely use of a procedural approach to obtain a patent (without prejudice or disclaimer) on ones of the allowable claims as quickly as possible.

#### **ALL CLAIMS IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE**

In view of the fact that all prior art rejected claims have now been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and in view of the fact that all remaining claims have either been already allowed and/or appear allowable, it is respectfully submitted that all presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance with respect to the present application is respectfully requested.

#### **EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE**

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

### **CONCLUSION**

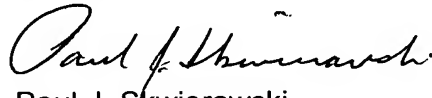
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.39873VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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